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CHINESE MOSLEM LEADER ARRIVES IN EGYPT

Port Said (special correspondent) -- Abd ar-Rahim Masoutin [approximation from Arabic], leader of the Chinese Moslems, arrived here yesterday from Singapore and expressed, on behalf of 50 million Chinese Moslems, the gratitude felt for King Faruq's interest in Chinese Moslems.

The Moslem leader said he left Pei-p'ing before it fell to the Communists and from there went to Nan-ching, Shang-hai, Kuang-chou, Taiwan, and Malaya, to get first-hand information on the conditions of Moslems there.

Asked about the Chinese Moslems' reaction to Communism, he replied, "Present-day China does not respect any freedoms or religions. I wish to say, however, that Chinese Moslems cannot possibly embrace the principles of Communism because these principles are strongly opposed to the teachings of Islam. Yet my long absence from China does not allow me to speak intelligently about conditions of Moslems there."

The Chinese Moslem expressed his gratitude for the efforts which al-Misri has expended in the service of Islam and the Orient in general, and referred to the strong ties which bind Chinese Moslems to Egypt.

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